**The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum**

**Agenda**

**The Pandemic Threat: Is Massachusetts Prepared?**

**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

8:30am-11:30am
Radisson Hotel Boston
200 Stuart Street, Boston

8:30am – 9am – Registration and Breakfast (Carver Ballroom)
9am to 11:30am – Featured Presentation and a Panel Discussion

**Welcome:** 9:00 to 9:40

Philip Johnston, Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Senator Edward Kennedy, United States Senator (prerecorded video address)

Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
How is the federal government coordinating with states and localities for a potential pandemic?
What needs to be done to better prepare and coordinate?

**A Panel Discussion:** 9:40 to 10:20

Moderator:

Dr. Howard Koh, Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, Harvard School of Public Health

Panel:

Commissioner Paul Cote, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
What has been done and what will be done in Massachusetts to prepare for a pandemic?

Representative Peter Koutoujian, House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health
How prepared is the state? What is the legislative role in funding and administrative oversight?

Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer, Cambridge Department of Public Health
Are cities and towns well coordinated with the state? How prepared are cities and towns to cope with a pandemic?

**Q and A:** 10:20 to 11:20

**Closing Remarks:** 11:20 to 11:30 Dr. Howard Koh